

# SENATE BILL 766

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Snowstorm and Related Climate Change Preparation Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, the Maryland Commission  
4 on Climate Change, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and  
5 the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, to submit a certain report to the  
6 Governor and the General Assembly on certain State investments necessary for  
7 the State to respond to certain weather emergencies; requiring the report to  
8 include certain information; stating the intent of the General Assembly that the  
9 Governor request certain federal funds for a certain purpose and appropriate a  
10 certain amount of State funds in a certain fiscal year for a certain purpose; and  
11 generally relating to weather emergency response funding in the State.

12 Preamble

13 The General Assembly finds and declares that, to the extent that climate  
14 change, including disruptive snowstorms, hurricanes, and droughts caused by the  
15 impact of atmospheric greenhouse gas emissions, burdens the people and businesses of  
16 Maryland, the State has a responsibility to make investments to minimize climate  
17 change and its damaging effects; now, therefore,

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That:

20 (a) On or before December 1, 2011, the Maryland Commission on Climate  
21 Change, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation and the Maryland  
22 Emergency Management Agency, shall submit a joint report to the Governor and, in  
23 accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on  
24 the investments necessary for the State to respond effectively to weather emergencies.

25 (b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall identify:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (1)     the economic and other costs to the residents of the State of severe  
2 weather during the winters of 2010 and 2011; and

3           (2)     the investments that the State should make to prepare for future  
4 weather emergencies, including snow, hurricanes, drought, flooding, and other  
5 weather emergencies that may occur as a result of climate change.

6           (c)     Based on the report submitted under subsection (a) of this section, it is  
7 the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor:

8           (1)     direct a request to the President of the United States and the  
9 Maryland Congressional Delegation to provide federal money raised by any federal  
10 climate change legislation to the State and to local governments in the State to fund  
11 the investments necessary to prepare for future weather emergencies in the State; and

12           (2)     for fiscal year 2013, appropriate sufficient funds from the State  
13 budget, including from special funds or any federal funds received as a result of  
14 federal climate change legislation, to fund the investments necessary to prepare for  
15 future weather emergencies in the State.

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 June 1, 2011.